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Calendar of Events

JUNE

10	A&S COLLEGIUM <i>Citadel of the Southern Pass</i> ❖
23-26	WARDERS OF THE WESTERN GATE <i>Fontaine dans Sable</i> ⚔

JULY

8	STAGS BLOODBATH <i>al-Barran</i> ○
14-16	LONELY MOUNTAIN DEFENDER <i>Drygestan</i>
22	BLACKWATER KEEP <i>A&S Blackwater Keep</i>
28-30	OUTLANDS 20th YEAR CELEBRATION <i>Dragonsspine</i>

AUGUST

4-20	PENNSIC XXXV <i>Aethelmearc</i>
11-13	CLANN WARS <i>Nabrum Kabirun</i>

⚔ attendance by His Excellency ❖ attendance by Her Excellency ○ attendance by Their Excellencies

from the Baron and Baroness

Greetings to the populace,

We hope this finds all of you home, and showered, after a Grand Outland-ish. Look for more on this next month! :) May Day Melees was another fantastic time hosted by our friends in Drygestan and the Coronation of Their Royal Majesties Bela and Claudia was stunning in Caer Galen. Thank you to our hosts, fellow travelers, and all the al-Barranians that joined us.

As this is written we are looking forward to the Meet the Candidates event at the park 5/21 and the Baronial polling at GOT that will help determine our successors to lead this mighty Barony. An announcement will be made to the populace at TRM's discretion. Plan to join us and our successors for a fine day of fighting at Stag's Bloodbath and witness the spectacle of a Baronial Investiture.

Several officers will be invested at Bloodbath as well, if you are interested in becoming the next Hospitaller, List Officer, or Quartermaster, your letter of intent must be received by the Seneschal by the June Citizens Meeting. If you are interested in serving as the next Scorpion Pursuivant, contact our successors after they are announced.

We look forward to seeing you all during our travels to Citadel A&S (6/10) – you know there will be shopping too – and Fontaine for Warders of the Western Gate, they seek the best of the best to defend the borders of this fine Kingdoms so bring your best to what has always been a great event.

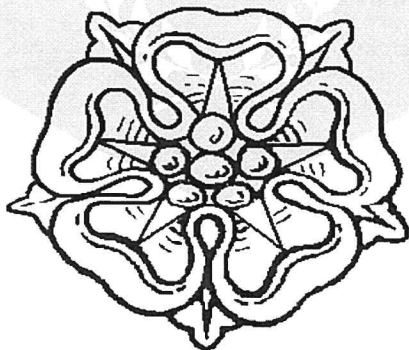
For al-Barran!

Ryan

BARON

Tana

BARONESS



from the Seneschal

Greetings unto All,

First off, let me say thank you to Master James David who has done a wonderful job as our Seneschal. His hard work and efforts will be hard to keep up with. Also congratulations go to him and his lady (mostly her) on the birth of their daughter. Thanks also go to all the other officers who have stepped down, THL A'isha, Lady Cerelle, Lady Elisabeau, for all the hard work that they have done to help keep this great Barony running.

Thanks also need to go to those good folks who have stepped up to take over offices, Lady Bianca, Lady Mabel, Lord JT, and Lady Kymma, who took over the office of Chronicler. I'm looking forward to working with all of you. We're still looking for applications for Hospitaller, Quartermaster, and Scorpion Pursuivant. If you're interested in taking over one of these offices, please send your application to myself, Their Excellencies, and the current office holder.

I hope that every one had a great time at Grand Outlandish. As I look into my crystal ball, I'm hoping that I see good weather, clear skies, and not a huge amount of wind for the event. His Excellency will have set up tents though, so we should have enough rain to keep the dust down.

I want to thank everyone who put in so much hard work to make this event what it is. Especial thanks go to Mistress Rhianwen for stepping up and taking over as event steward. You took on a huge responsibility and it went great. Thanks.

In Service,
Lord Y



from the Reeve

Greetings unto the Populace,

The Grand Outlandish pre-registration was a success! Thank you goes out to all the people who helped me before, during and after the event to make Gate go well. I'll have the final numbers and specific thank yous next month.

I will be offering gate classes during the summer. I will be looking at the calendar and setting dates as soon as possible. Please remember, in order to work gate at an event you have to have the gate class.

In Service,
Lady Sile

from the Outgoing Arts and Sciences Minister

Greetings,

Our summer arts program is getting rolling. Gammer Gurton's Needle has agreed to take the first 2 weekends in June. On June 4th, there will be a laces embroidery class and on June 11th, there will be a class on simple garb embroidery embellishment. Both classes will begin around 12:30 pm.

If you want to teach in June or in the other warm months this year please contact the incoming Arts and Science Minister, Lady Bianca Mantegna.

In Service,
Sayidda A'isha



from the Baronial Scribe

Greetings,

Many thanks to the 15 baronial scribes who completed scrolls for baronial awards at Grand Outlandish. They are: Mistress Sarah de Montgomerie, Mistress Cailte, Mistress Monika, Master Balthazar, THL Alexandra, THL Ymany, Baron Sebastian, Lady Rashida, Lady Odile, Lady Bronwyn, Lady Sile, Lord Michael MacQuillan, Lady Dreamweaver, Lady Ceridwen, and Ingrid Taylor. Many of our scribes also created scrolls for kingdom awards at Coronation and Grand Outlandish. I'll include these in next month's report.

We have an average of six scribes attending the Wednesday night scribal workshop. At the workshop scribes are working on individual projects for the most part. If there is interest in holding a beginning calligraphy and illumination class, we could organize an additional workshop on Sundays afternoons. Please contact THL Ymany, myself, or our hostess, THL Alexandra of your interest.

There are two kingdom scribal competitions coming up at the Outlands XX Year anniversary event in July. There is a competition for the best kingdom award scroll done in the kingdom colors of green and gold. There is also an on-site competition for combat scribes. Scroll will be completed on site Saturday at the event. Bring your materials for this one.

Outlandish will mark two years in office for me. Many thanks to the Baron and Baroness for their support. It has been a pleasure to share in the enthusiasm of the many scribes we have, and see the scribal arts flourish in al-Barran for the good of the Kingdom and the Barony.

Yours in Service,
Mistress Monika

The Italian Wars

by Svyetlost Vladimir Igorevich

This article is the first in a series on topics related to the theme for this year's al-Barran Midwinter. Further articles will include clothing, food, and other fun subjects.

The Italian Wars spanned a period of roughly 60 years and involved nearly every major power in Europe.

At their conclusion Hapsburg Spain emerged as the dominant force of European politics, much to the detriment of France. The Italian City-States, which up to that point had held power and influence disproportionate to their size (mostly due to trade and money) were reduced to being second class citizens in Europe.

The Wars can be broken into 8 major campaigns:

1. The First Italian War (1494 - 1495)
2. The Second Italian War (1499 - 1504)
3. The War of the League of Cambrai (1508 - 1516)
4. The Italian War of 1521 (1521 - 1525)
5. The War of the League of Cognac (1526 - 1530)
6. The Italian War of 1535 (1535 - 1538)
7. The Italian War of 1542 (1542 - 1545)
8. The Hapsburg-Valois War (1547 - 1559)

Each of these can be studied in great depth, however this article only covers the time from the Italian War of 1521 through the end of the Italian War of 1542, the approximate time period for this year's Midwinter.

The Italian War of 1521 had its roots in the elevation of Charles of Spain to the position of Holy Roman Emperor in 1519. Francis I of France had coveted that position, and from that moment, relations between France and the Hapsburgs quickly spiraled out of control. That same year, the Spanish also invaded Navarre, a French fiefdom, providing Francis with a pretext for starting a general war. French forces flooded into Italy and began campaigning to drive Emperor Charles from Naples.

The French were outmatched by the fully developed Spanish tercio tactics and suffered crippling defeats at Bicocca and Sesia against Ferdinand de Avalos's forces. Milan itself was threatened and eventually, in 1525, Francis himself personally led the French army into Lombardy. However, he was defeated and captured at the Battle of Pavia. Francis was imprisoned in Madrid until he agreed to punitive concessions over his Italian territories.

By 1526, Pope Clement VII, alarmed at Emperor Charles' growing power, formed the League of Cognac against Charles by allying the Papal State with Florence, the Republic of Venice, France and numerous smaller Italian cities. However, Venice refused to contribute troops. The French forces withdrew from Lombardy under their concessions to Charles from the imprisonment of Francis in the previous war.

Charles then subdued Florence and in 1527 sacked Rome. Clement was imprisoned by Imperial troops and offered no further resistance to Hapsburg

power. With the signing of the Treaty of Cambrai in 1529, Francis (and thus France) officially left the League and the War. With out the Pope or France, the League collapsed, Venice made peace with Charles and Florence was again placed under Medici control.

Next, the death of Francesco Maria Sforza, the Duke of Milan, triggered off another war between Charles and Francis. Charles' son Phillip inherited the Duchy of Milan. Francis responded by invading Italy and capturing Turin, but failed in his goal of seizing Milan. Charles retaliated by invading Provence, advancing as far as Aix-en-Provence before returning to Spain rather than laying siege to the heavily fortified Avignon. The Truce of Nice in 1538 ended the war with no major change other than leaving Turin in French hands.



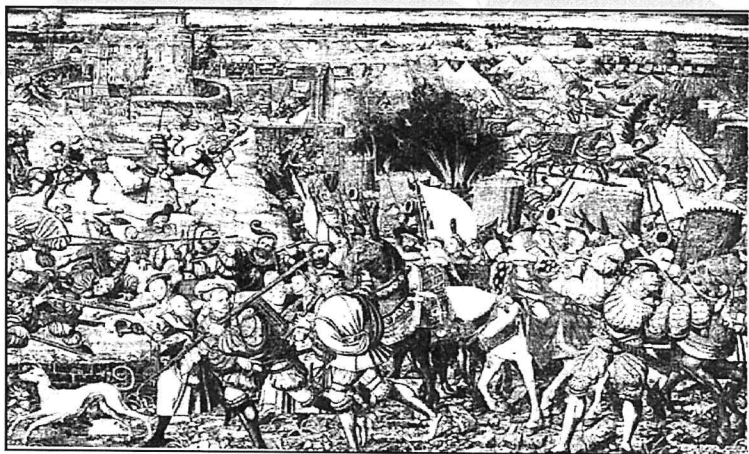
Portrait of Charles V, Titian, 1533

In 1542, Francis found a new ally in Suleiman I of the Ottoman Empire and he launched his final attempt at capturing Italian power. The Franco-Ottoman fleet captured Nice in 1543 and laid siege to its citadel. The following year, the French Army defeated the Imperials at the Battle of Ceresole but then failed to follow up on their advances into Lombardy.

Charles allied himself with Henry VIII and invaded northern France capturing Boulogne and Soissons. However a lack of cooperation between the English and Spanish forces combined with increasingly aggressive Ottoman activity led Charles to abandon the war. Peace and the status quo was restored to Europe again.

At least until the next war....

[Note from author: Svyetlost Vladimir will gladly answer questions if anyone wants to send them: marlburian@hotmail.com]



Tapestry of the Battle of Pavia, Bernaert van Orley, 1531

from the Web Mistress

Greetings unto all,

I want to let everyone know I have a new deputy: Sadenori (Mark Conklin). Welcome aboard!

In April, these were our numbers:

Overall accesses	48,049	Homepage accesses	1,127
Overall visits	5,793	Homepage visits	387

We also had 1500 hits to the Grand Outlandish web site (<http://www.grandoutlandish.org>) and 60 hits to the Stags Bloodbath (<http://www.al-barran.org/bloodbath06>) web site.

In Service,
Lady Melody



from the Chronicler

Warm greetings,

It is my pleasure to serve as al-Barran's newest Chronicler. I would first like to thank Lord Y for making my transition into the office as smooth as possible and for answering my many questions. I wish him much luck in his new position.

I am seeking a deputy to assist me with the directory, which is published twice a year. In addition to that, there might be some duties relating to the publication of the Shaft such as finding artwork, proofreading, and helping with the stamping and labeling. I live in Rio Rancho, so someone on the Westside would be ideal, but that is not a prerequisite. If you are interested, please contact me at kymma.godric@gmail.com.

The Shaft is always in need of original articles and artwork. This newsletter is only as good as we, the populace, want to make it. Please, good people of al-Barran, contribute to the Shaft and help me to make it the best it can be!

In glad service,
Lady Kymma

Regular Activities

Citizens Meeting

3rd Tuesday of every month, 6:30 pm at The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center at 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM. *Directions:* Take I-40 to the Eubank Blvd exit. Turn South onto Eubank. Continue on Eubank past Central and turn left onto Southern Ave. The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center is at the corner of Southern and Elizabeth, parking is on the back side. *Contact:* Lord Y, 265-0161.

Fighter Practice

Sundays, 11 am to 4 pm, at Bataan Park; the park is on the north side of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. *Contact:* THL Chinua, 220-3136.

Rapier Practice

Sunday afternoons at Bataan Park; the park is on the north side of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. *Contact:* Lady Elisabeau, 891-4555.

Westside Fighter Practice

First and third Saturdays from 9am to 11am at Paradise Hills Park near the northeast corner by the skate park. *Directions:* Take Paseo Del Norte west to Golf Course Road. Go Right on Golf Course to Paradise. Turn Left (west) on Paradise. Take Paradise past Lyon/Unser to the park (it's on the right hand side of the road). *Contact:* Lord Samuel 891-3821.

Archery Practice

Held on every Saturday of each month. Practice starts at 10 am. Please be sure to arrive early so we can get the paperwork filled out and practice started on time. The practice range is at Master Tore's & Dona Sylvia's home in the Tijeras area. *Contact:* Don Oengus of Greymist for directions and additional information by email at archery@al-barran.org.

Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice

Held on Wednesdays starting at 6:00 pm. Fighter practice is held in front of Carlisle Gym. *Directions:* Go west from Redondo and Yale and turn right into the first parking lot, traverse the length of the parking lot and to the right: go up between Northup hall and Carlisle Gym. Fighter practice will be on the left. Please note: According to the UNM Parking website they will be enforcing parking regulations until 8 pm.

Newcomers Household

Meeting will be on 6/13 at 2830 Florida NE at 6:30pm. These are informal meetings to discuss/learn about various subjects such as preparing for a camping event, the meaning of honor, how to make a T-tunic, protocol, etc. A newcomer is being defined as a member for less than 2 years, but all are welcome. *Contact:* Duchess Elisheva at 872-2711 or dchssheva@aol.com.

Weaving Knowledge Exchange & Workshops

The study and application of all types of weaving and its history. Third Friday of every month at 7 pm at Lady Monika's house. *Contact:* Lady Monika at 323-5569 for more information and directions.

This Month in Medieval History

1098 - First Crusade: Antioch falls to the crusaders after an eight-month siege.

1214 - University of Oxford receives its charter.

1215 - King John of England puts his seal to the Magna Carta.

1305 - Pope Clement V is elected.

1314 - End of the Battle of Bannockburn. Scottish forces led by Robert the Bruce defeat Edward II of England. Scotland regains its independence.

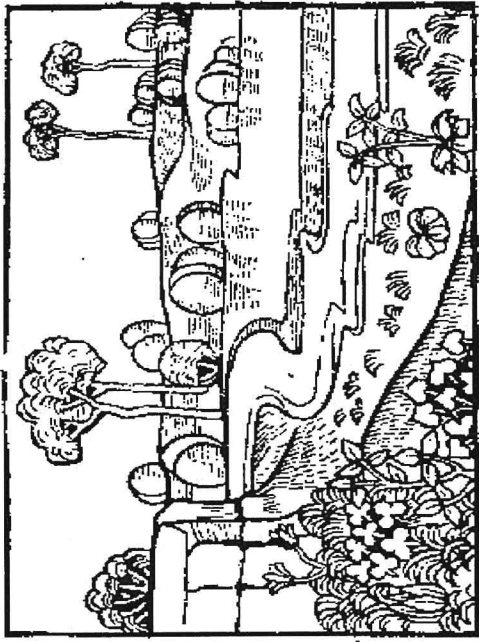
1381 - Peasants' Revolt: In England rebels arrive at Blackheath.

1509 - Henry VIII crowned King of England.

1513 - Italian Wars: Battle of Novara. Swiss troops defeat the French. Duke Massimiliano Sforza is restored.

1519 - Charles V elected emperor of the Holy Roman Empire.

1533 - Henry VIII of England's new wife, Anne Boleyn, is crowned as queen.



June Calendar of Events

10	A&S COLLEGIUM Citadel
11	Full Moon
14	Flag Day
18	Father's Day
21	Summer Solstice
23-26	WARDERS Fortaine

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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Regular Activities

Court Dance Practice

Our next Court Dance practices are 6/4, 6/25, 7/2 and 7/9 at Bataan Park from 12:30 to 2:30 pm. Everyone age 6 and up is welcome. Please see the article in this issue for further details. *For more information, contact Lady Jayne at kreg@aps.edu or 293-7453 or join our free discussion list: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/alBarranMusic_Dance/*

Scorpion Scales

Founded to provide atmosphere and live accompaniment to court dancing at feasts and events. Come join the al-Barran court dance musicians. Instrumentalists interested in playing live music for court dancing, please consider attending. The idea is to have available live court musicians instead of using the CD player at some events. Please visit our website: <http://home.comcast.net/~shiaomei/sscales.html> to download current music to practice. Meetings will be held on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm, at Lady Melody's house. *Please contact: Lady Melody at lockgen1@aol.com for further information.*

Gammer Gurton's Needle

The study and application of embroidery, lace, and other needlework techniques. Check out the article in this issue for current meeting place and monthly focus. *Contact: Lady Rosamond at 865-9082 or ldyrosamond@msn.com OR THL Delia the Rose of Thorncastle at 232-7946 or HLDelia@aol.com.*

Arts and Sciences Knowledge Exchange and Workshops

Topics to include felting, lampwork beads, stone carving, soap, leather, preserves, cooking and much more. To meet on the 4th Thursdays of each month at 7 pm at 10417 Palo Verde Place NW. *Contact: THL Skia 344-0094 for more information and directions.*

al-Barran Youth, Parents, & Youth Activities Volunteers Team

This team has regularly scheduled team meetings to discuss youth activities, plans, and important information for youth and parents in al-Barran. There is also a local discussion list for al-Barran youth, parents and volunteers for youth activities. To join this free discussion list, go to yahoo.com and join the al-Barran_Youth_and_Parents list. *Please contact Lady Jayne at kreg@aps.edu or 293-7453 for further information.*

Blaidwyn Project Conclave

Come and join Blaidwyn College at their project conclave every Tuesday evening to show off your latest projects or to pick up some new ones. Bring a project to work on or to share. *Contact Blaidwyn's Arts and Science Officer: Lady Odile Balestra odile.balestra@gmail.com for days, times and location.*

Talons of Fury III

June 16-18, 2006

Barony of Caerthe

The Riverside Village of Brentonville, Flagler, CO

Site Fees: \$15.00 for adults, \$10.00 for children (15 and under)

Kids 5 and under are free, Day-Trips \$10.00 per day

The \$3.00 non-member service fees apply in all situations

The Barony of Caerthe invite all to come out to the first event at our new land.

This weekend will be a fun-filled event with a three-person team competition. Each team will be a random draw and consist of an archer, a heavy fighter, and a fencer.

The fun this weekend will also include a grand boffer melee, nighttime torchlight tourneys, and our very own soon-to-be Sir Cadfarch will sponsor a combat archery tournament just like the one he won at War this year. Sunday will also have several prize tourneys to include a 5-10 man team melee competition. In addition to all this fun, we will be giving prizes away for the best use of heraldry both on your person, in your camp, and best heraldic display.

Directions:

Take your best route to Flagler Colorado, which is exit 395 on I-70. Head south for 10 miles and enter the site at the "SCA" sign.

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Warders of the Western Gate

June 23 – 26, 2006

Barony of Fontaine dans Sable

Wines of the San Juan, Turley, NM

Site opens Friday at noon and closes Monday at noon

Site Fees: Adults \$10, Children 6 – 12 \$5, under 5 years free

Feast Fees: Adults \$8.00, Children 12 and under \$5

There is a \$3.00 non-member surcharge for all adult non-members

Family cap: Site Fee \$30, Feast Fee \$25, or Total Fee \$55

Site is WET

Our fair barony is seeking a few skilled individuals to carry the mantle of champions for the coming year. All gentles with skill and determination in the art of stick, sword, bow and A & S are encouraged to join us for an incredible weekend of heavy and light fighting, archery and Arts and Sciences.

This year Warders has moved to a new site – Wines of the San Juan. This is a beautiful site snuggled in the San Juan River valley. For those interested in trying some of New Mexico's best wine you are welcome to purchase wine by the glass or the bottle! If you would like to check their wine selection you can do so <http://www.winesofthesanjuan.com>. Pets are welcome, but must be on a leash at all times. There is a large ditch and the San Juan River near by, please keep an eye on your children at all times.

Heavy fighters can again look forward to the Rok Tourney! The Rok will be hidden somewhere – the challenge is finding it, fighting the Unkillable Entities, eluding the other teams and crossing into the safe zone – good fun -- good luck!

In addition, there are several A&S classes planned and perhaps a heraldry class or two, and children's classes too! Please watch the Outlands list and our website for further updates on a special wine tasting, A&S competition guidelines and class topics and schedules.

Directions:

Coming from the south: Hwy 550 to Bloomfield, turn right (east) on Hwy 64 travel approximately 22 miles. Turn left on Hwy. 511. Travel approximately 2 miles and turn left into Wines of the San Juan.

Coming from the north: Hwy 550 south to County road 173, turn left (east). Travel approximately 18 miles to Hwy. 511, turn right. Travel for about 6 miles and turn right into Wines of the San Juan.

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Stags Bloodbath/al-Barran Baronial Investiture

July 8, 2006

Barony of al-Barran

Moriarty Civic Center, 202 Broadway, Moriarty, NM 87035

Site opens at 8:00 AM and closes at 11:00 PM

Autocrat: Duchess Kathryn of Iveragh (Kathryn Ballard)

11100 Gibson SE I-193, Albuquerque NM 87123, E-mail: kballar@unm.edu

Phone: 505-615-9284 (Call only between 7 and 9 PM, E-mail preferred any time)

Site Fees: \$8-Those aged 16 and older | Children 15 and under are free

\$3 surcharge for non-member adults

Feast Fee: \$7 for all ages

Make checks payable to the "SCA—Barony of al-Barran".

This is a dry site.

The sounds of War are fading but the watch at our borders is ever vigilant. Our troops are always at the ready for the battle cry may reach our ears at any time. To help keep our fighters at their peak, we have called for training, training and more training. The Stag must always prepare to defend our borders or come to the aid of His cousins in need.

Come join those in al-Barran for a day of fighter training and War preparedness. We are looking for revered fighters to share their knowledge and talents with you. We are also planning various classes dealing with other aspects to support our troops (heraldic display, armor and tactics, Lists of tournaments, favors, etc.) – something for everyone!! If you would like to share your talents, please get in touch with the class coordinator listed below.

Since our camping enjoyment is at a peak this July, we will have hotel offerings for your stay shortly available. More information will be forthcoming including the offerings we shall have at our feast to be prepared by Countess Monika and Mistress Richenza.

Directions: Take your best route to eastbound 1-40 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Head towards Moriarty (roughly 30 miles east of Albuquerque) and take Exit 196 and head right at the stop sign, then go right again at the first stoplight (west). After .2 miles, make a left on Broadway (next to the post office). After .2 miles, the Civic Center is left across the street from City Hall.

Please visit our website for more information:

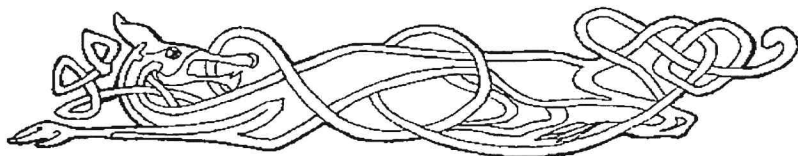
<http://www.al-barran.org/bloodbath06/>

Autocrat: Duchess Kathryn of Iveragh (kballar@unm.edu)

Class Coordinator: Mistress Maria Sol de Leon (mariasol@fastmail.fm)

Site Coordinator: Lady Bronwen Blackwell (ldyblackwell@yahoo.com)

Royal Liaison: Baroness Cailte Caitchairn (karobert@unm.edu)



Three Stags Autumn Battle and faire

September 1 – 4, 2006

Barony of Caerthe

Casey Jones Park, 4189 Highway 86, Elizabeth CO 80107

Site opens at noon on Friday, September 1st

Site closes at noon on Monday, September 4th

The Barony of Caerthe invites one and all to the exciting new event that will transport you to a medieval town faire, and challenge you to battles grand until you can fight no more!

We have plans to build a town square and the faire will have A&S classes that look as if they are merchant booths in a town. For instance, a shoe making class can look like a cobblers shop, a cheese making class can be a dairy/cheese shop, a sewing class can be a tailors shop, etc. Class ideas will be welcome; if you would like to teach one let me know. We are planning an Artisans Row, this will be where the artist of this Kingdom can set up a workshop for the weekend. Those interested can stop and participate and learn the crafts demonstrated. Willing artisans are needed.

Shine up your helms, make your banners, and get your heraldic garb together! There will be a contest for the best heraldry display, for individuals and households, and a contest for the best display of Kingdom, Baronial, Shire, and Canton colors and devices. Make something to show your pride in your Kingdom! A parade through the town to the beginning of the Pas-de Arms tournament will show all your finery off.

Site Fee Schedule:

Jan. 1 thru May 31

Friday-Monday Adult \$18.00, Kid \$10

Family Cap: 2 Adults & 2 Kids \$45.00; 2 Adults & 3+ Kids \$55.00

Saturday-Monday Adult \$15.00, Kid \$10; Family Cap: same as above

June 1 thru August 15

Friday-Monday Adult \$20.00, Kid \$10.00

Family Cap: 2 Adults & 2 Kids \$55.00; 2 Adults & 3+ Kids \$65.00

Saturday-Monday Adult \$18.00, Kid \$10; Family Cap: same as above

At The Gate:

Friday-Monday Adult \$30.00, Kid \$15.00

Family Cap: 2 Adults & 2 Kids \$65.00; 2 adults & 3+kids \$75.00

Day Trip: Adult \$10, Kid \$6

Please see our web site for more info:

www.threestagsevent.com

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303-394-4003 (voztemp@yahoo.com)

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(rmatlock@co.jefferson.co.us)



Here There Be Dragons

August 25-27, 2006

Shire of Plattefordham

South Rec Complex, Glenrock, WY

Site opens at 4:00 on Friday; Site closes at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday

Site Fees: Adults, \$12; Children 5-12, \$2

Feast Fees: Adults, \$5, Children 5-12, \$5

There will be a \$3 surcharge to all adult non-members

Once again, Plattefordham is pleased to host its end of the summer slash, hack, and bash event. The castle onslaught will be bigger and better than ever!

The battle at the river ford will quench the summer heat and the most furious of tempers. There will be a torchlight tourney with a bardic competition taking place between rounds of fighting. Various classes will be held for those whose hearts lie outside the list field. Shopping will also be available.

The fair Arnora (Linda Winslow) will be providing a feast to satisfy the most bloodthirsty of appetites. For feast reservations and dietary concerns, please contact Arnora Hammarskjoldottir (307-237-3335).

For all other questions (directions, merchant fees, etc.), please contact Lord Balthazar von Knopf (Travis Blankenbaker 307-797-0709) or Enneleyn von Knopf (Robyn Blankenbaker 307-797-3988).



Outlands Youth Team

The newly formed Outlands Youth Team is dedicated to those who support youth issues in the SCA Kingdom of the Outlands. We encourage the exchange of ideas, promotion of youth activities, discussion of issues relevant to the youth, sharing of resources, support of our youth and support of each other.

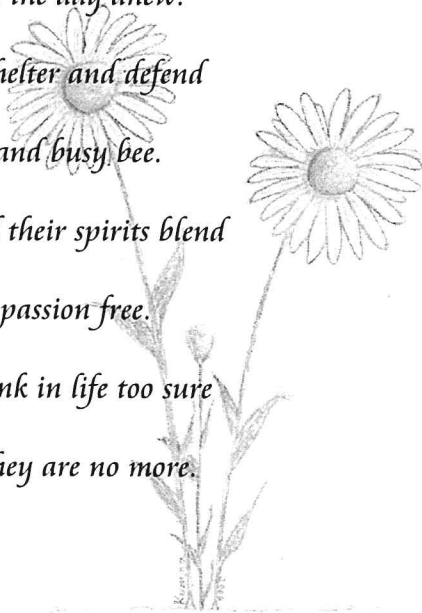
Membership in the Youth Team and to this discussion list is open to local Ministers of Children and their Deputies, local groups youth leaders, Seneschals, coordinators of youth activities, heads of local page schools, youth activity volunteers, youth teachers, mentors of our youth, children, teens, parents and anyone who cares about youth issues in the Outlands. To join this yahoo discussion group, go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/OutlandsYouthTeam>.

In service to the Outlands,
Lady Jayne Barber
Kingdom Minister of Children

For Margherita

by Ban-fili Cailte Caitchairn

*A simple thing a daisy seems to be
Uncomplicated, pale, to some demure.
And yet there are great gifts for those would see
Of hope and beauty that all pain endure.
In purple shadows, petals white and clean
Wear pearls beloved, shimmering with dew.
How russet tipped her crown at dawn is seen
In bobbing dance to greet the day anew.
Her leaves stretch out to shelter and defend
The butterfly, the ant and busy bee.
In beauty, strength and toil their spirits blend
Illuminating life with passion free.
Sweet simple things we think in life too sure
Until with grief we find they are no more.*



PONY-WORLD
by Lord Michael McQuillan



"Emer always made a killing during camping sea-



Court Dancing

A special thank you to Rhiannon and Lord Canus who performed and taught court dancing with me to the students at the April 30th Demo. We changed our June court dance practice dates and will not be meeting 6/18. Our next Court Dance practices are 6/4, 6/25, 7/2 and 7/9 at Bataan Park from 12:30 to 2:30pm. Everyone age 6 and up are welcome at our court dance practices. If you want more information concerning court dancing in al-Barran, please contact Lady Jayne at 293-7453 or krege@aps.edu or join the al-Barran Music and Court Dance discussion list by going to http://groups.yahoo.com/group/alBarranMusic_Dance/ This free yahoo discussion list will give you the latest information concerning dance practices and Scorpion Scales music practices in al-Barran.

Yours in service to the dream,
Lady Jayne Barber

al-Barran Youth Team

A very special thank you to Danielle, her deputy Shylah inghean Roibeard, and all those who worked so hard to put on some great activities for our youth at Grand Outlandish. The al-Barran Youth Team has regularly scheduled team meetings to discuss youth activities, plans and important information for youth and parents. We met on May 21st, after the deadline for the June Shaft and a full report will be in the July Shaft.

There is also a local discussion list for al-Barran youth, parents and volunteers for youth activities. To join this free discussion list, please go to http://groups.yahoo.com/group/al-Barran_Youth_and_Parents/

For youth activities at Outlands 20th, we need your help! There will be three full days and many fun activities and service opportunities on Thursday, Friday and Saturday for the youth at our Outlands 20th Year Celebration, which will be hosted by the Barony of Dragonsspine at Cripple Creek, Colorado this July 27-30. Our youth will also be learning about the SCA, service and our Outlands history and I will be coordinating the youth activities for this event. If you would like to teach an arts and sciences class, donate prizes, host a youth activity, teach our youth a skill or Outlands history, talk with them about the SCA, help with youth classes and activities or you have ideas to share or ways they can be in service at this event, please contact me at krege@aps.edu as soon as possible. I am also looking to borrow a pavilion with sidewalls to use for the youth activities, since the weather can be cold, rainy and windy in this area. One that is around 20x20' (or larger) would be ideal.

A new Outlands Youth Team has been formed to support the exchange of ideas, promotion of youth activities, discussion of issues relevant to the youth, sharing of resources and support our youth throughout the Outlands. For further details, please see a separate article in this issue. To join the Outlands Youth Team and the Outlands Youth Team yahoo discussion group, please go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/OutlandsYouthTeam>



Gammer Gurton's Needle

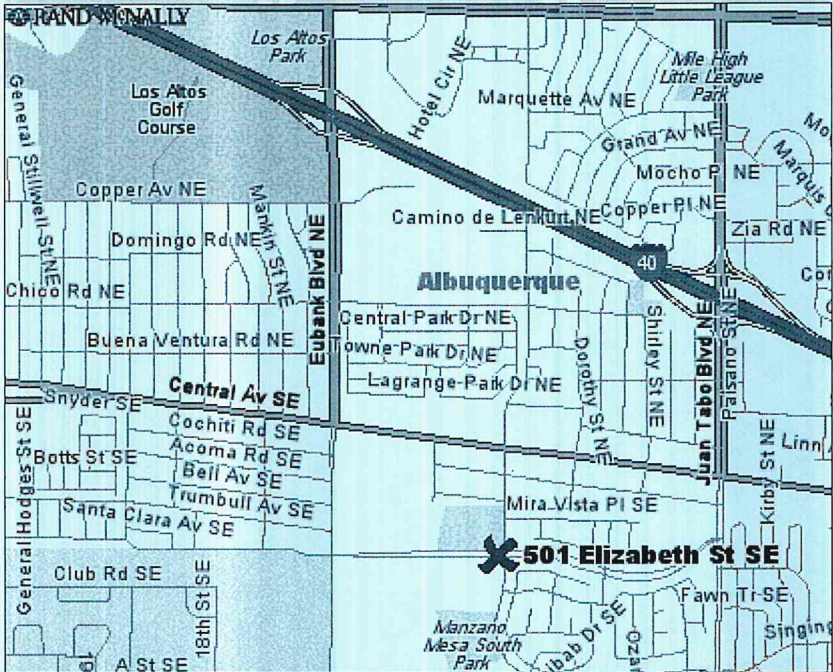
Meetings will be held again at our delightful hostess, The Honorable Lady Delia, the Rose of Thorncastle's house. Her address is 5914 Aspen NE, on the SW corner of the intersection of Aspen and San Pedro between Indian School and Constitution. We are meeting every Thursday evening at 7pm and we do not wear garb. We are doing serious planning for the upcoming months. Please contact us if you are interested in seeing any needle art class taught. Some of the popular ones have been on blackwork, beadwork, lace-making (we can do braid or clothwork motifs and both are period), basic embroidery embellishments for your costumes, needlepoint, and many others. Please share your thoughts. If you can't come to the planning meeting or Monday evening is bad for you we may be able to arrange another time. Contact Rosamond de Preston (865-9082 or simmonsbookstore@gmail.com) or Delia the Rose of Thorncastle (232-7946 or HLDelia@aol.com) for more information.

Citizen's Meeting

The Citizen's Meeting is located at the Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center, 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM. The meeting is held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month beginning at 6:30 pm. The next meeting will be on June 20th. Please contact the Seneschal, Lord Y Port Lairge at 265-0161 for further information.

Driving Directions:

Take I-40 to the Eubank Blvd exit (No. 165). Turn south onto Eubank Blvd. Continue on Eubank Blvd past Central Avenue. Turn left onto Southern Avenue. The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center is at 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM at the corner of Southern and Elizabeth.



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al-Barran's website: <http://www.al-barran.org> Outlands' website: <http://www.outlands.org>

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